

THURSDAY, 29 APRIL 2010

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

Prayers

Routine Proceedings

Journals

Journals for Tuesday, 27 April 2010 were adopted by the House without amendment.

Doors were opened

Matters of Privilege

None

Statements by Members

Robert Mitchell (Charlottetown-Sherwood) made a Statement on Colonel Gray Senior High School's trip to Costa Rica.

2:19 Cynthia Dunsford (Stratford-Kinlock) made a Statement recognizing members of the Mayflower Seniors Club of Stratford.

2:21 Hon. Leader of the Opposition made a Statement recognizing Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE).

2:25

Questions by Members

Statements by Ministers

3:05 Hon. Premier made a Statement recognizing Olympians, Heather Moyses and Kaillie Humpherries, recipients of gold medals at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics.

3:09 Hon. Ron MacKinley (Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal) made a Statement on the completion of Building Canada Fund projects in Montague.

3:11 Jim Bagnall (Montague-Kilmuir) added his comments.

3:13 Hon. Allan Campbell (Innovation and Advanced Learning) made a Statement recognizing Dr. Joyce Madigane, on being nominated for *Canadian Immigrant* magazine's Top 25 Canadian Immigrants Awards.

3:15 Hon. Doug Currie (Education, Early Childhood Development and Attorney General) made a Statement congratulating West Kent Elementary School, Olympic Showcase winners.

3:20 Hon. Carolyn Bertram (Health and Wellness) made a Statement on National Aboriginal meetings held recently.

3:25 Hon. Robert Vessey (Tourism and Culture) made a Statement announcing Tourism Road Shows being held May 3 - May 10.

3:26 Hon. George Webster (Agriculture and Deputy Premier) made a Statement announcing changes to the 2010 Production Insurance program.

Hon. Richard Brown (Environment, Energy and Forestry) made a Statement on the deadline for nominations for the Prince Edward Island Environmental Awards.

Presenting and Receiving Petitions

None

Tabling of Documents

Hon. Doug Currie (Education, Early Childhood Development and Attorney General) tabled, by Command, the 2009 Annual Report as required by Part II.1 of the Criminal Code of Canada for the period ending December 31, 2009.

Reports by Committees

None

Introduction of Government Bills

Bill introduced and read a First Time:

Provincial Anthem Act (Bill No. 42) by Hon. Premier.

Motions Other than Government

The following Private Members Bill was introduced and read a First Time:

An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act (Bill No. 101) by Jim Bagnall (Montague-Kilmuir).

Hon. Olive Crane moved, seconded by Jim Bagnall, the following Motion (Motion No. 56):

WHEREAS Province House has been home to the Island's Legislature since 1847, and is therefore the most important building in the province for the celebration and interpretation of our 227-year legacy of representative democracy;

AND WHEREAS the building itself is badly in need of repair, both inside and out;

AND WHEREAS more resources and space in the building should be made available for a dynamic program of public education and participation, celebrating our precious legacy of representative government in Prince Edward Island;

AND WHEREAS the management of Province House, including the allocation of space and division of resources, is currently a federal-provincial responsibility, outlined in detail in the 1974 Agreement

Between the Government of Canada and the Government of Prince Edward Island;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Standing Committee on Legislative Management be tasked to review the 1974 Province House Agreement between the Government of Prince Edward Island and the Government of Canada, and to report back to the Legislative Assembly with recommendations for revisions to that Agreement which will, 1) ensure the long-term structural maintenance of the building, including basic needed repairs; and 2) transform Province House into a much more dynamic place for engaging Islanders in the history, culture and operation of their own Legislature and democracy;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee be directed to meet between the third and fourth Sessions of this General Assembly and make final report to the Legislative Assembly during the Fall 2010 sitting;

AND THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee hold public meetings and otherwise seek the opinion of Islanders on this matter.

Debate was commenced by the Mover (3:36); who moved, seconded by Jim Bagnall (Montague-Kilmuir), the following amendment:

In the first WHEREAS clause, delete the number 227, and substitute the number 237; and,

In the final operative clause, after the word that, insert the words ‘, notwithstanding Rule 104(2),’

There being no debate on the amendment, Hon. Madam Speaker put the Question which was **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** and resolved accordingly.

Debate on the Main Motion, as amended, was continued by the Seconder (3:52); Hon. Premier (3:56); Cynthia Dunsford (Stratford-Kinlock) (4:02); Hon. Robert Vessey (Tourism and Culture) (4:06); Hon. Ron MacKinley (Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal) (4:11); Hon. George Webster (Agriculture and Deputy Premier) (4:14); Paula Biggar (Tyne Valley-Linkletter) (4:17); and Gerard Greenan (Summerside-St. Eleanors) (4:18).

4:20 There being no further speakers, the Mover then closed the debate.

4:28 Hon. Madam Speaker put the Question. A Recorded Division being sought, the names were recorded by the Clerk as follows:

Nays (0)

Yeas (24)

Valerie Docherty (Kellys Cross-Cumberland)
Pat Murphy (Alberton-Roseville)
Charles McGeoghegan (Belfast-Murray River)
Hon. Robert Vessey (Tourism and Culture)

Hon. Carolyn Bertram (Health and Wellness)
Robert Henderson (O'Leary-Inverness)
Paula Biggar (Tyne Valley-Linkletter)
Hon. Neil LeClair (Fisheries, Aquaculture and Rural Development)
Hon. Richard Brown (Environment, Energy and Forestry)
Buck Watts (Tracadie-Hillsborough Park)
Alan McIsaac (Vernon River-Stratford)
Hon. George Webster (Agriculture and Deputy Premier)
Hon. Premier
Gerard Greenan (Summerside-St. Eleanors)
Hon. Janice Sherry (Community Services, Seniors and Labour)
Hon. Wes Sheridan (Finance and Municipal Affairs)
Robert Mitchell (Charlottetown-Sherwood)
Hon. Allan Campbell (Innovation and Advanced Learning)
Sonny Gallant (Government House Leader)
Hon. Leader of the Opposition
Cynthia Dunsford (Stratford-Kinlock)
Hon. Doug Currie (Education, Early Childhood Development and Attorney General)
Michael Currie (Georgetown-St. Peters)
Jim Bagnall (Montague-Kilmuir)

4:32 Motion was **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** and resolved accordingly.

Hon. Olive Crane moved, seconded by Jim Bagnall, the following Motion (Motion No. 58):

WHEREAS affordable prices and ease of installation have brought ownership of backyard swimming pools well within reach for many home-owners;

AND WHEREAS according to the Canadian Red Cross, home swimming pools account for a significant number of toddler drownings;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Members of this Legislative Assembly encourage Islanders to exercise due diligence in their responsibilities as owners of residential swimming pools, and to encourage water safety education and awareness.

Debate was commenced by the Mover (4:33); continued by the Seconder (4:52); and, on his Motion, debate was adjourned.

5:00 Hon. Madam Speaker declared recess until 7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Government Motions

None

Orders of the Day [Government]

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Estimates in Committee, Paula Biggar (Tyne Valley-Linkletter), took the Chair of the Committee to further consider the Estimates for the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal; and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (8:01).

During Committee of the Whole House, Hon. Ron MacKinley (Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal), tabled the following documents: Documents relating to the construction of Montague Regional High School; Purchase Agreement between Trigen Canada Inc., Prince Edward Island Energy Inc., and the Government of Prince Edward Island; Materials and Supplies, Professional Services, Full-time and part-time staff, Maintenance and Accommodations.

During Committee of the Whole House, Hon. Doug Currie (Education, Early Childhood Development and Attorney General) tabled the following documents: Department salaries; Materials, supplies and services; and Grants.

Hon. Madam Speaker resumed the Chair and the Chairperson reported progress and asked leave to sit again, to which the House agreed.

Adjournment

9:00 On Motion of Sonny Gallant (Government House Leader), seconded by Pat Murphy (Alberton-Roseville), the House adjourned until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 30, 2010.